

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	THORGEIRSSON ET AL.	Examiner:	MINH-TAM DAVIS
Serial No.:	10/772,988	Group Art Unit:	1642
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Title:	cDNA ENCODING A GENE BOG (B5T OVER-EXPRESSED GENE) AND ITS PROTEIN PRODUCT		

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This paper is being submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed October 11, 2006. Without acquiescing to the statements made therein, Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group II (claims 1-7, 21 and 23) for prosecution in the instant application with traverse. Applicants elect the BOG polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:8. Applicants traverse the rejection with respect to the other BOG polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2, or SEQ ID NO:10. Applicants submit these sequences are orthologues of one another and it would not be unduly burdensome to search these sequences as well.

Applicants note that claim 1 is a linking claim and that Applicants are entitled to rejoinder of linked process claims and claim 28 and claim 32 upon notice of allowable subject matter of a linking claim.

Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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